

## Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., November 1, 1833, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, November 1, 1833.

*D'r Andrew*, I have just recd. a letter from Mr. Hotzclaw, which informs me that my family were all well on the 21st ultt. that he had picked out one hundred thousand pounds of cotton and had from 60 to 90 thousand in the field, but had only started his Ginn. I regret to learn that we will not get our crop early to market and I fear that the price will go down before spring. I wish your attention to the getting out the cotton and having it ginned and baled and sent as early to market as you can.

Mr. Hotzclaw sent me by major Donelson a memorandum of my stock of hoggs etc. which I handed to you. Their number was upwards of 400. he now writes me that he has only 86 hoggs to kill. What has become of them? there has been more corn fed to them than would buy more Pork than the 86 will make, and from the small number fatted last year, and the number turned out I had supposed that we would have an ample supply of Pork this year. Out of 400, half ought to be fit to kill, or at least one hundred and fifty. to feed 400 a year for 86 killing hoggs is paying too dear for the whistle. inform me how this happens, and what number of hoggs are now in the stock on the farm, their age etc. all hoggs 18 months old ought to be killed, they are after that age an expence, never paid for the feeding by their increase of weight.

Mr. Hotzclaw informs that he has seven beeves to kill.

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I have just seen Mr. Leiper who informs me that Mr. Saml Wetheral and his lady sets out in a few days to visit you. this will be gratifying to you and Sarah. give my kind respects to them and miss Lippincot, who I am informed is to accompany them. I have just recd. a letter from A. J. Hutchings who informs me he is to be married to Miss Mary Coffee on the 14th instant. I sincerely rejoice at it, and wish them much happiness.

Present me affectionately to your D'r Sarah and my little Rachel with a kiss. I feel great solicitude for you all and am anxious to hear of your safe arrival at sweet home. My kind regards to all inquiring friends

yr affectionate father

P.S. I wish you to see the young Messhrs. Nichols. have a settlement with them and inform me what they have done with the ballance of the last shipment of cotton last year which came to their hands. I have been presented thro Major Donelson with an account of Mr. Potterfields for freight and drayage. I have also been presented with Steels draft in favour of Stockly Donelson, which I had authorized Mr. Josiah Nichol to save out of Steels wages for S. D. Steel had received all his wages before it was presented and Nichol did well not to have any thing to do with it. I have told Major Donelson to reply that I never had any dealings with Mr. Potterfiel[d], that Mr. Josiah Nichol was my banker and my agent, was directed to pay all freight for me which I have no doubt was done as all articles shipped by me was to him, but if any freight is due that you and Mr. Nichols would settle and pay it. Steels order you are to have nothing to do with—if they have let Steel go off, you can say to Stockly I shall not pay him Steels debt. I would have not ever made the attempt to save it out of Steels wages if it had not been for Major Donelson. it was a peace of great impudence in Steel to draw on me, and imprudent in Stockly to ask it, when he knew I did not owe Steel one cent.